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Rep. Shelton Condemns Anti-Asian Violence in All Forms

Green Bay, WI – Over the last year, America’s long history of violence against Asian and Asian Americans intensified as political leaders have scapegoated Asian and Asian Americans for the COVID-19 pandemic. Across the country in major U.S. cities hate crimes against Asian and Asian-Americans have increased by 150%, particularly targeting elderly Asian and Asian Americans. The rhetoric of our previous Presidential administration, political leaders at all levels, and a system of white supremacy are responsible. Last night in Atlanta, Georgia, we unfortunately saw the deadly consequences of xenophobia, racism, and hate, as a gunman killed six Asian American women.

Representative Kristina Shelton (D- Green Bay) issued the following statement:

“What transpired in Atlanta, Georgia last night should serve as a wake-up call to all of us in the fight for justice. Anti-Asian hate and racism are nothing new to America. Especially over the last year during the COVID-19 pandemic, political leaders and a system of white supremacy have enabled this violence and hate. Hates crimes against Asian and Asian Americans have surged over the country, particularly targeting elders. Last night was a tragic reminder that words and actions have consequences, as six Asian American women were murdered.

“We must not only condemn, but dismantle the systems that enabled this violence, and work to build a truly inclusive democracy where no one lives in fear of racist, xenophobic, harassment, assault and violence. We stand in solidarity with APIDA community against this violence and the families of those directly impacted last night. We must all take action against to root out Anti-Asian racism where it exists in our communities.”

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